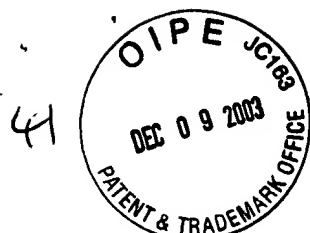


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed 12/5/2003. That Office Action stated that in light of the Board of Appeals decision rendered on August 29, 2003, claims 1 and 10-17 have been cancelled, and claims 2-9 must be presented in independent form.

Per the revision to 37 CFR 1.121, this Amendment is submitted in the new format.

Accordingly, each section begins on a new page. Strikethroughs are used to denote items deleted, and underlining is used to denote items inserted.

Please amend the claims as indicated on the following pages:

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